

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace page 4, lines 4-10, with the following amended paragraph:

With the SDMI-compliant content, the content data are encrypted by content key CK based on DES (Data Encryption Standard) for example. The content data themselves are originally encoded by a compression algorithm such as ATRAC3 (Adaptive Transform Acoustic Coding 3) or MP3 (Moving Picture Experts Group 1/2 Layer 3), which are then encrypted for distribution.

Please replace page 30, lines 3-9, with the following amended paragraph:

The above-mentioned configuration also applies to the recording/reproducing apparatus of ordinary Mini Disc systems. The recording/reproducing apparatus secondary recording medium side apparatus 20A of the present embodiment has an interface 26 and a decryption section 29 as sections corresponding to the personal computer as the primary recording medium side apparatus 1. Further, as depicted in Fig. 3, the CPU 21 is connected via a bus 22 to the codec 23, the encoder/decoder 24, the interface 26, and the decryption section 29.